

Albert B. Beardsley
Chief of Department



Fire Business: 978 352-5757

Fire Facsimile: 978 352-5741

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
Fire Department Headquarters
47 Central Street
Georgetown, Massachusetts 01833-2408

January 15, 2010

Permit #:

Dear Resident,

Enclosed in this packet you will find this years application for open burning, as well as a copy of the state open burning regulations. Please read these regulations carefully and fill out the application completely. The application can then be returned to the Georgetown Fire Department for issuance. The permit will not be issued without a valid signature of the applicant and an approving authority.

All permits are valid from January 15, 2010 – May 1, 2010 inclusive.

There is a \$10 fee due with the application. Permit will be valid only after receipt of payment. Make checks/money orders payable to: Town of Georgetown. The Georgetown Fire Department has a NO CASH Policy

Each day you wish to burn, you must first call the Georgetown fire department at 978.352.5757 between the hours of 9:30am and 12:00 noon. No permits will be issued after 12:00 Noon. The Fire Chief has the right to determine whether burning will be allowed that day.

Please take note of your permit number on the application, as you will be asked for this when you call

This year, we are pleased to have implemented an online program for easier access for burning permit applicants. This is an optional system, which we hope will make burning more convenient for everyone. Applications can be completed online or at Central Fire Station. Once you have obtained and paid for a permit for 2010, you can access the program daily to input your burning permit number to notify the GTFD that you will be burning. By logging into the system each day and inputting your permit number, you will not need to call the GTFD to let us know that you will be burning. An automated message will appear if the chief, or his designee, determine that conditions are not conducive to open burning that day. To access the online system, visit <http://www.georgetownfd.com> and click on the burning permits link. A valid email address is required to use the online system. If you choose not to use the online system, you can still call the Georgetown Fire Department at the number above daily to activate your permit.

Burning hours are from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. Fires must be COMPLETELY out by 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding the burning regulations, you can contact the Georgetown Fire Department at 978.352.5757. This permit can be revoked at any time for just cause for failing to meet the requirements & responsibilities set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the Georgetown Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Albert Beardsley
Fire Chief/Forest Warden

Unless open burning is being conducted for the purpose of:

-Combating or backfiring an existing fire by persons affiliated with an official fire fighting agency;

or,

-Is being used primarily for cooking purposes,

The following conditions must be met:

1. Possession of a valid permit from the local fire department or fire warden.

NOTE: Such permit may not be valid for more than two days from the date of issuance. A written record must be maintained for each permit including the name and address of the person receiving the permit, the date of permit issuance, and the location and type of materials to be burned. Such records must be available for public inspection.

2. Open burning must be conducted:

During periods of good atmospheric ventilation (as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection/DEP. Consult DEP's regional office as needed (phone #'s at end of this section), Division of Air Quality Control or contact the Air Quality (daily ozone report) hotline at 1-800-882-1497.

Without causing a nuisance (As determined by the Department of Environmental Protection);

With smoke minimizing starters if used.

Open burning permits may be issued for:

1. Training or research in fire protection or prevention with specific approval by the Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Activities associated with the normal pursuit of agriculture (Agriculture is defined as a raising of crops and livestock for commercial uses) which have been determined by the Department of Environmental Protection as necessary.
3. **Open burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris - excluding grass, hay, leaves, and stumps. All such open burning to be conducted:**
 - a. From January 15th to May 1st of each year;
 - b. On land proximate to the place of generation;
 - c. At a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling, and;
 - d. Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

****You must have a hose with a constant water supply at your burning site at all times.**

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Application for Fires during Open Burning
Permit valid upon receipt of \$10 fee

PERMIT #

Expires May 1, 2010

**In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 MGL Section 10 & 28
and 310 CMR 7.07 application is hereby made by:**

Name _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ **Cell** _____

Email: _____
(Required for online access)

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Hours 9:30am – 12:00 Noon**

Burning Hours 10:00am – 4:00pm (fire must be completely out)

**This permit for open burning may be revoked for just cause, for not meeting the
requirements & responsibilities according to Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection and the Georgetown Fire Department.**

I have received and understand the guidelines

Signature of Applicant

Albert Beardsley, Fire Chief/Forest Warden